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REMARKS

The present response addresses the concerns raised in the Official Action dated July 29, 2004, wherein the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-13. More specifically claims 1-8 and 10-13, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Barany et al., US Patent No. 6,584,084, and claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barany et al., '084, in view of Hagmanns, US Patent No. 5,615,208.

However the Examiner's reliance upon Barany et al., '084, in rejecting the claims is misplaced, in so far as Barany et al., '084, fails to make known or obvious each and every feature of the claims. More specifically, contrary to the Examiner's assertions, Barany et al., '084, fails to make known or obvious, "wherein in at least one frame of the multi-frame signal first control channel information is transmitted in a first timeslot immediately preceding a second timeslot in which second control channel information is transmitted", as provided in claim 1.

Quite simply, the two timeslots (TN1 and TN3) identified by the Examiner, relative to the cited reference, which the Examiner attempts to equate to the claimed second timeslot and the first timeslot, which immediately precedes the second timeslot, do not meet the requirements of the claim. More specifically, TN1 does not immediately precede TN3. Alternatively, TN2 immediately precedes TN3. The reference does not teach communicating first control channel information and second control channel information in two time slots, where one of the time slots immediately precedes the other.

To the extent that claims 2-13 are dependent upon claim 1, and the cited references fail to make known or obvious claim 1, claims 2-13, for at least the same reasons noted above, are similarly not made known or obvious.

The claims, as presently presented, are allowable over the prior art of record, for the reasons noted above. Consequently, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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